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|   | RNAT        | IONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>005/00632  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>March 16, 2005                | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED March 18, 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION SEALED OPENING/CLOSING SYSTEM FOR PACKAGING BAGS   |             |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Eric BARBIER; Jean-Pierre BARBIER   |             |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: |             |   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1.  |             | This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.  | $\boxtimes$ | This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.  |             | This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.  |             | The US has been elected (Article 31).   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5.  |             | A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | a.  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | b.  has been communicated by the International Bureau.  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.  |             | An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | a. is attached hereto.  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | b.  has been previously submitt   | ted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).                             |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | c.  The International Application was filed in English.   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.  |             | Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | a.   are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | b.  have been communicated by the International Bureau.   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | c. $\square$ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |             | d.  have not been made and wi   | Il not be made.  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8.  |             | An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9.  |             | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10.   |             | An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).                    |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Items   | 3 11 t      | o 20 below concern document(s)  | or information included:                                   |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11.   |             | An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12.   |             | An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 13.   |             | A preliminary amendment.  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 14.   |             | An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15.   |             | A substitute specification.   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 16.   |             | A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 17.   |             | A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.  |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18.   |             | A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 19.   |             | A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20.   | $\boxtimes$ | Other items or information: Notification of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt Status Request   |  |                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 21.  The following fees  | are submitted:   | PCT/FR2005/00632                |                     | CALCULATIONS    | PTO USE ONLY |  |  |  |  |
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| a.  Check No. in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees.  |  |                                 |                     |                 |              |  |  |  |  |
| c.   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.  |  |                                 |                     |                 |              |  |  |  |  |
| d. Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |  |                                 |                     |                 |              |  |  |  |  |
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| must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.  SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:   |  |                                 |                     |                 |              |  |  |  |  |
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